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10/642,840	08/18/2003	Duane J. Duncan	DDAP:101BUS	4074

TITLE OF INVENTION: TUBULAR MEMBER COUPLING DEVICE

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Docket No.  
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Invention: TUBULAR MEMBER COUPLING DEVICE

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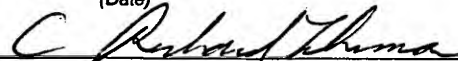
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